

APPLICATION FOR PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
TITLE 11 GUARDIAN AD LITEM REGISTRY TITLE

This application is for Guardians ad Litem who are not currently serving on the Pierce County Superior Court Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Registry.

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Print Name: Lauri L Nelson

This is my application to serve as a Guardian ad Litem in Pierce County, State of Washington as required under RCW Title 11. I hereby certify under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that my application is true and correct.

Signed in: Kent (City), Washington on March 6, 2019 (Date)

Signature: Lauri L Nelson

WSBA # and Year Admitted to Practice in the State of Washington: _____

If a current or inactive member of another state's bar association, please indicate bar association number and year admitted to practice, and if applicable, year you became inactive: 28054, 1998

Business Address: 1026 NE 65th St C-520

City: Seattle State: WA Zip Code: 98115

Business Telephone Number: 206-351-0881 FAX: _____

E-Mail Address: LauriLNelson@gmail.com

Bilingual: Yes No If so, in what language(s): _____

Please indicate the county, date and location where you are enrolled for the two day mandatory training (only approved training qualifies) if not completed by the application closing date, **March 15, 2019**.
Date: April 2018 County/Sponsor: King County

NOTE: If you are not currently serving on any other county's RCW 11.88 certified GAL Registry, you are required to attend both days of the mandatory training held in the same year in which you apply. (Apply in January 2019, attend 2 day training in May 2019, not May 2018.)

Training Sponsored by: (Name) Nadia Simpson
(Address) 516 Third AVE
(County) King (Dates) April 2018
(Phone) 206 263-7997

NOTE: Only this application may be utilized. A checklist is included since late and incomplete applications shall not be accepted for any reason. All questions must be answered in the order in which they are given. Answers that only refer to a resume or vitae are not acceptable although a resume is required and you may attach supporting materials. Please return completed application, resume and any materials by **March 15, 2019, 4:30 PM to:**

Pierce County Superior Court Administrator
Room 334, County City Building
930 Tacoma Ave South
Tacoma, WA 98402-2108

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A. Level of formal education, indicating university issuing the degrees and years obtained:

Gonzaga Law School (1995-1998)
UW (1991-1995)

B. Please list all trainings you have attended, the sponsor, month/year attended and the materials covered in each training that relate to Title 11 Guardian ad Litem statutory duties. Attach all Certificates of Attendance/Completion. (Please use addendum to application, page 6, if necessary.)

King County Guardian Ad Litem Title 11 for new GALs, April 2018. See attached.

C. Number of years' experience as a Guardian ad Litem under RCW 11.88.090:

1) List year and all counties where you first served on any certified RCW 11.88.090 Guardian ad Litem Registry.

Snohomish (2018-2019)
Whatcom (2018-2019)

2) List each year and all counties where you have been appointed to serve on a RCW 11.88.090 Guardian ad Litem Registry.

Snohomish (2018-2019)
Island (2018-2019)
Whatcom (2018-2019)

D. Number of appointments you have received as an 11.88.090 Guardian ad Litem and all counties of appointment during the last Registry year, March 23, 2018 to present, if served on any other county Guardian ad Litem Registry:

Appointments in Pierce County:

Appointments in Snohomish County:

Appointments in Whatcom County:

E. Percentage of your total case load that RCW Title 11 Guardian ad Litem work represents overall:

F. Criminal history, as defined in RCW 9.94A.030: A current (dated on or after January 1, 2019) and completed Washington State Patrol Conviction Criminal History Record must be received by the Court. If not attached, the expected date the Court will have the record: 3/25/19

G. Have you been named as a defendant or respondent in any case involving allegations of domestic violence or anti-harassment? Yes No .

If yes, state the date, name of the court, court cause number, summary of the allegations, and the disposition of the case.

H. Have you been named as a petitioner or witness in any civil or criminal proceedings involving domestic violence or anti-harassment?

Yes No .

If yes, state the date, name of the court, court cause number, summary of the allegations, and the disposition of the case.

I. Evidence of your knowledge, training, and experience, in the following areas, pursuant to RCW 11.88.090 (3) (b) (I). You must complete in full the information requested below, in the space provided, in addition to attaching the required resume or vitae. However, answers that only refer to a resume or vitae are not acceptable.

1) The needs of impaired elderly:

Elder Law Clinic at Gonzaga Law School
Supervisor of Probate & Guardianship at King Co Clerk Office
GAL since August 2018

2) Understanding of issues surrounding abuse and neglect of the elderly:

Elder Law Clinic at Gonzaga Law School
Supervisor of Probate & Guardianship at King Co Clerk Office
GAL since August 2018

3) The needs of persons with physical disabilities:

GAL since August 2018

4) The needs of persons with mental illness:

GAL since August 2018

5) The needs of persons with developmental disabilities:

Supervisor of Probate & Guardianship & King Co Clerk Office
GAL since August 2018
Mentor to woman in special Olympics

6) Other areas relevant to the needs of incapacitated persons:

Supervisor of Probate & Guardianship & King Co Clerk Office
GAL since August 2018

7) Legal procedures and Guardian ad Litem requirements of RCW 11.88:

King County GAL full training April 2018
Supervisor of Probate & Guardianship & King Co Clerk Office
GAL since August 2018

8) The number of times you have been removed for failure to adequately perform your duties as Guardian ad Litem or for other cause. For each removal, give a brief explanation with the county, case name and cause number, and attach all relevant documents from the court file along with a copy of the court order of removal.

none

I also certify the following:

J. I will successfully complete the two day mandatory Guardian ad Litem training required by the Pierce County Superior Court (only approved training qualifies) and under the laws of the State of Washington and immediately submit my Certificate of Attendance.

AGREE DISAGREE

K. My normal hourly rate is \$ 200. My hourly rate to serve as an 11.88.090 Guardian ad Litem in guardianships is \$ 200.

L. I am presently not serving, nor have I recently applied to serve, as a Judge or Commissioner pro tempore in Pierce County Superior Court. I understand that I am not permitted to serve in both capacities.

AGREE DISAGREE

M. I have no criminal history or license suspension or revocation.

AGREE DISAGREE

N. I am not the subject of any pending investigation or action by a government agency, professional organization or one that would result in either a criminal conviction or a license revocation or suspension.

AGREE DISAGREE

O. I will not accept any appointment involving a conflict of interest, and in the event I discover a conflict in the course of an appointment/investigation, I will immediately advise the parties, counsel, and court.

AGREE DISAGREE

P. I have read and understand the applicability to me and agree to be bound and governed by the Pierce County Superior Court Administrative Policy #3 for the Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Certified Registry.

AGREE DISAGREE

Q. I have read, signed, returned, and understand the applicability to me of the Pierce County Superior Court Administrative Policy #4 Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Code of Conduct and agree to be bound and governed by the Code of Conduct.

AGREE DISAGREE

R. I have completed in full, signed and attached the confidential supplement to this application.

AGREE DISAGREE

Note: If you disagree for any answer above (J-R), please explain in full on a separate page and attach it to your application materials.

S. Please provide full disclosure of the following:
(If more space is required use the Addendum to Application, page 6)

1) Any felony convictions or any convictions involving theft, dishonesty, or moral turpitude.

none.

2) Suspension or revocation of professional certification or license.

none.

3) Pending investigation of action for either 1 or 2 above.

none.

I certify that I have thoroughly studied the provisions and requirements of RCW Title 11 and believe I am fully qualified to be appointed as Guardian ad Litem for Guardianships in Pierce County, Washington.

Lauri Nelson
Signature

March 11, 2019
Date of Signing

Lauri Nelson
Print Name

Seattle, WA
Place of Signing

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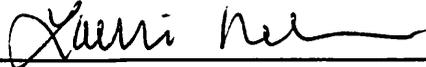
Policy 4: Pierce County Superior Court RCW 11.88 Guardian Ad Litem Code Of Conduct

All Guardians ad Litem shall fully comply with this Code of Conduct and the requirements of Superior Court GALR.

1. The appointed Guardian ad Litem shall decline the appointment if he/she is not qualified, competent, or able to complete the matter in a timely manner.
2. The Guardian ad Litem shall maintain the ethical principles of his/her own profession in addition to compliance with this Code of Conduct.
3. The Guardian ad Litem shall promptly advise the court of any grounds for disqualification or unavailability to serve.
4. The Guardian ad Litem shall avoid self-dealing or association from which the Guardian ad Litem might directly or indirectly benefit, other than from compensation as a Guardian ad Litem.
5. The Guardian ad Litem shall not guarantee or create the impression that any portion of the investigation will remain confidential, and shall inform all witnesses that the information gathered by the Guardian ad Litem must be reported to the court.
6. All records, including contemporaneously maintained time and expense records, and excluding information that is confidential by law or sealed by court and as further defined by Superior Court Policy, of the Guardian ad Litem shall be made available to the parties and their attorneys for review upon request, without formal discovery request(s) being made. Copies of the records may be made by the parties and their attorneys under circumstances that assure that the file remains complete, organized and intact.
7. Once admitted to the **RCW 11.88** Certified Registry, all Guardians ad Litem shall fully comply with all continuing education requirements established under Pierce County Local Rules and GALR.
8. The Guardian ad Litem shall report to D.S.H.S. and the court, any adult abuse as defined in **RCW 74.34.020(2)**.
9. The Guardian ad Litem shall immediately advise the court if the guardianship case qualifies for a guardian ad litem at public expense. Before significant work is performed or time elapsed the guardian ad litem shall return the case for reassignment.

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the foregoing, has read the same and GALR, and agrees to be governed by all.

March 11, 2019
Date


Signature

[Amended effective June 6, 2016]

Certificate of Completion

King County Bar Association

Lauri Nelson

**2018 King County
RCW 11.88.090 *Guardianship*
Guardian ad Litem Training**

Initial Certification

April 26 & 27, 2018

April 26, 2018: 6.50 Law & Legal CLE Credits, Approval # 106 8541

April 27, 2018, Initial Certification: 6.75 CLE Credits: 5.25 Law and Legal and 1.50 Ethics

Approval #: #106 8806

Morning Session: 3.00 Law and Legal and .75 Ethics CLE Credits

Afternoon Session: 2.25 Law and Legal and .75 Ethics CLE Credits



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GUARDIAN AD LITEM REGISTRIES:

King County: provisionally accepted but unable to take a case while employed by the King Co. Clerk's Office.
Snohomish County: completed three cases and currently working on two cases.
Island County: approved and on the registry.
Whatcom County: approved and completed one case.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM TRAINING:

Completed King County Bar Association Guardian Ad Litem Training April 26 and 27, 2018.

GUARDIANSHIP SUMMARY:

Over seven years' experience as the Audit, Probate and Guardianship Supervisor at King County Clerk's Office. As the Supervisor, I oversee 12 staff who process all case type 4's, including guardianship, trusts, estates and minor settlements. We monitor guardianships to ensure that cases are following Washington law, Washington Court Rules and King County Local Rules. Specifically, we monitor that oaths, inventory, personal care plan, etc., are filed. We also monitor that annual, biennial and triennial reports are filed in a timely manner. If reports have not been filed or if they have not received an order approving the report, we issue an Order to Appear on the Guardianship Delinquency. We also bring any guardianship complaints or non-compliance to the attention of Ex Parte Superior Court so that they may be addressed in a timely manner.

INVESTIGATION EXPERIENCE:

As the Audit and Probate Supervisor at Department of Judicial Administration (DJA), I provide daily customer service to internal and external customers, regarding non-compliance in cases. My team and I audit thousands of cases every year to ensure compliance with court rules. My customers include DJA, Superior Court, including judicial officers and bailiffs, attorneys, and pro se customers. I currently research issues on whether cases should be closed and formulate responses to customers on why they were non-compliant and the reasoning for the non-compliance fees.

As the Human Resource Manager at DAJD, I oversaw the departments hiring practices, including confidential background checks. I also oversaw employee relations and assisted management in drafting letters of corrective counseling and written discipline, up to termination. I also oversaw union relations, union grievances, which included attending grievance meetings and drafting responses for senior management. When drafting responses, I frequently reviewed the DAJD internal investigations reports to formulate my responses.

In my Human Resource role at Northwest Hospital and Medical Center, I reviewed 50 human resource policies to ensure compliance with best practices and state and federal laws. I created a request for accommodation process and a respectful workplace policy. I identified and investigated close to 60 harassment and discrimination complaints.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Supervisor II, Audit and Probate – King County, Dept. of Judicial Administration – December 2011 to Present

- Monitor criminal, civil, probate, guardianship, dissolution and adoption cases for compliance.
- Monitor guardianship and trusts to meet annual reporting requirements.
- Monitor guardianships for compliance with state law and local rules.
- Process documents and electronic court record for probate, guardianship, trusts, and case type 4.
- Communicate with Judges, Commissioners, legal community and pro se regarding case status.
- Research state and local rules, RCW's, court clerk procedures in response to case management issues.
- Supervise 12 staff in the audit and probate section.
- Recommended changes to Washington State Law and King County Local Rules, which were adopted.

Human Resources Manager - King County, Dept. of Adult & Juvenile Detention – Oct. 2004 to November 2011

- Managed recruitment and employee relations for agency with over 900 employees.
- Reviewed and revised the hiring process for more efficiency.
- Advised managers and supervisors on employee relation and union issues.
- Managed and promoted diversity by facilitating DAJD's internal diversity committee.
- Worked closely with human resource partners and prosecuting attorney's office.
- Supervised two staff including coaching, providing feedback and performance reviews
- Advised management regarding employee and union relations, including contract negotiations.
- Oversaw the grievance process, including drafting 200 grievance responses for Sr. Management.

Senior Human Resources Consultant - Northwest Hospital and Medical Center - February 2001 to August 2004

- Advised management and employees on policies and progressive discipline at large hospital.
- Identified and investigated close to 60 harassment and discrimination complaints.
- Participated in contract negotiations and responded to over 80 grievances.
- Reviewed and revised over 50 human resources policies and revised employee handbook.
- Developed and trained management on lawful hiring, harassment prevention and WFCA.
- Managed unemployment claims, including preparing witnesses and producing exhibits.

EDUCATION:

Gonzaga University Law School - Juris Doctorate

University of Washington - Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication

CERTIFICATIONS:

Washington State Bar Association, WSBA #28654